

**Proposed Rule - TRANSITIONAL SERVICES PLAN**

**LSA Document #09-167**

**New Rule - 465 IAC 2-14**

**Effective Date -**

**FISCAL IMPACT :** There is no fiscal impact for the Transitional Services Plan.

These costs are to be covered by the Title IV-E Chaffee Independent Living grant. This grant is seventy-five percent (75%) federal and twenty-five percent (25%) state. The state cost associated with this grant is maintained by using funds expended on other appropriate costs. This allows the state to utilize federal funds, while funding other child welfare services. No additional state or local funding is required.

**STATEMENT OF NEED:** State statutory requirement, IC 31-25-2-21, PL 143-2008, Amended by PL 131-2009, added as required by federal statute. Number of individuals effected is estimated to be approximately 300 children age 17.5 years of age annually.

**EVALUATION OF BENEFITS AND COSTS:** The federal government provides funding for these services under the Title IV-E Chaffee grant. Total annual cost associated with these services is anticipated to be approximately \$225,000, of which \$168,750 is federal funded and \$56,250 is state funded (state funds are provided through expenditure of other appropriate child welfare costs). Based on current research on children leaving foster care the expenditure of funds to help support children transition appropriately into adulthood ultimately saves the taxpayers in other programs such as public assistance (TANF, food stamps, medicaid, etc.) and department of corrections. It is estimated that this program will help approximately 300 children aged 17.5 annually

**Proposed Rule - OLDER YOUTH FOSTER CARE**

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**New Rule - 465 IAC 2-15**

**Effective Date -**

**FISCAL IMPACT :** The foster care placement expenses would be payable or reimbursable through the Chaffee room and board funding. This provides one more lodging option to older foster youth as they transition to adulthood.

Fiscal impact for OYFC, we anticipate the number of foster youth utilizing this program to be low, less than 10% of kids aging out (estimated to be about 300 per year). Based on that number and an approximate cost of \$10,000 per youth per year. The first year of the program would cost no more than \$300,000, the second year approx. \$600,000 and the third year and every year thereafter \$900,000.

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To date, only two (2) youth have been accepted into this program and one was recently terminated from the program.

**STATEMENT OF NEED:** State statutory requirement, IC 31-28-5.7, PL 143-2008, added as required by federal statute. Number of individuals effected is estimated to be less than 30 older foster youth at least age eighteen (18) but less than twenty-one (21) years old, on an annual basis.

**EVALUATION OF BENEFITS AND COSTS:** Not applicable.